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Newsletter of the

## Southeast Library System

April 2012

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### SOWINGS

By Brenda Ealey, Administrator

I think a reason I fell in love with librarianship was in good part due to my perception of it as work that embraces so many skills, requires a keen interest in staying current on many fronts, and compliments a curiosity for information on any topic and the belief that you can find it for others and yourself.

Unfortunately I think the public often perceives librarians as individuals who love to read with a job that offers us the opportunity to do it, with the thinking that it is primarily targeted at print materials. So, as we head into National Library Week (April 8<sup>th</sup> - 14<sup>th</sup>, [www.ala.org/conferencesevents/celebrationweeks/natlibraryweek](http://www.ala.org/conferencesevents/celebrationweeks/natlibraryweek)) and National Library Workers Day (April 10<sup>th</sup> - <http://ala-apa.org/nlwd/>), I'm excited for SELS to be a part of the fun by promoting a READ IN on April 13<sup>th</sup>.

The idea for the READ IN came as a fun way for librarians of all types to kick back and read for pure enjoyment – an exercise that is not a typical part of our day, but oh, wouldn't it be great to have that leisure! We think the READ IN can be incorporated in multiple ways, while at the same time challenging stereotypes in a light-hearted manner – and certainly could involve members of your community joining in the fun. The SELS Board and Staff have thought of a few ways you might participate in the READ IN:

- Put a comfy chair, accompanied by a side table with lamp, a foot stool and perhaps a cup of tea for staff to take advantage of for some time reading a book of their choice. We encourage it to be recreational reading – and could feature use of an eReader or a print book, reader's choice. You could arrange for uninterrupted reading time of 30 minutes to an hour, you determine that – depending on schedules and staffing. Maybe you set-up multiple READ IN sites.
- Set up a similar setting as outlined in the first bullet and invite community members to take advantage of the space for some reading time. You might have readers scheduled throughout the day and in a school, maybe its students, a principal, teacher/professor, superintendent, dean, coach... Or maybe in a public library you invite the mayor, fire chief, city administrator, council member, faithful library customer, trustee – you name it. Consider it a time to feature front and center the activity we all hold in such esteem. Maybe you have a stack of recommended reads at the ready as an option to

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What's your library's plan for National Library Week? Kicking back with a good book and a nice cup of tea? You *wish* you had that kind of time at work? This year, find a little time for yourselves on April 13th and celebrate Southeast Library System's first annual...

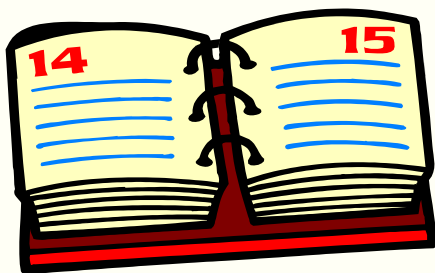
# READ IN



Contact SELS for more information and ideas on how to celebrate the Read In at your library.

**CHALLENGING LIBRARY STEREOTYPES  
ONE PAGE TURN AT A TIME**





# CALENDAR

**April 2012**

**April** – School Library Month – for more information go to: <http://us1.campaign-archive1.com/?u=9011bdd5ff860316c0afae3f0&id=6c22eaa87a&e=5985e78700>.

**April 2<sup>nd</sup> – April 13<sup>th</sup>** – Basic Skills – Library Policy. You can register online at the Nebraska Library Commission Training Calendar ([www.nlc.state.ne.us/training/train.asp](http://www.nlc.state.ne.us/training/train.asp)). For a complete list of the Basic Skills modules go to: [www.nlc.state.ne.us/libdev/basic/NBScalendar2011.html](http://www.nlc.state.ne.us/libdev/basic/NBScalendar2011.html).

**April 8<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup>** – National Library Week - [www.ala.org/conferenceevents/celebrationweeks/natlibraryweek](http://www.ala.org/conferenceevents/celebrationweeks/natlibraryweek).

**April 9<sup>th</sup>** – PLTS Spring Meeting in Columbus – Programs planned include: Weeding tips & tricks, Using the DHHS Website to best serve your customers, and Quick & Easy Strategic Plans. Also get an update on updated Nebraska Public Library Accreditation Guidelines.

**April 10<sup>th</sup>** – Celebrate National Library Workers Day. Find ideas for celebrating at: [http://ala-apa.org/nlwd/?page\\_id=8](http://ala-apa.org/nlwd/?page_id=8).

**April 12<sup>th</sup>** – PLTS Spring Meeting in Hastings

**April 13<sup>th</sup>** – SELS Read In, see page 2 or contact the SELS office for ideas.

**April 13<sup>th</sup>** – TSRT & ITART Spring Meeting at Bellevue University – digital repositories, RDA, Metadata and the user's digital library. Also hear from four presenters speak on PCs and deepfreeze, the Nebraska RDA Practice Group, Pinterest, Autodialers and content curation in the lightning round session. <http://nebraskalibraries.org/TSRT/conferences/spring-meeting>.

**April 14<sup>th</sup>** – Fairmont Public Library Front Porch Award Celebration & BTOP Open House at the library, 10 a.m. See page 11 for details.

**April 14<sup>th</sup>** – Young Adult Round Table Spring Meeting in Gothenburg. See page 19.

**April 15<sup>th</sup>** – Syracuse Public Library Grand Opening from 2 to 4 p.m.

**April 20<sup>th</sup>** – SELS Board Meeting in Plattsmouth

**April 20<sup>th</sup>** – New Members Round Table Spring Meeting & Tour of Houchen Bindery, 340 First Street, Utica. Tour will begin at 1:30 p.m. with Business Meeting to follow. Gather for a social lunch at Applebees in York at 12:00 (lunch on your own). Please e-mail Sarah Haack by Wednesday, April 18<sup>th</sup>, at [shaack@kearneygov.org](mailto:shaack@kearneygov.org) if you plan to attend the lunch.

**April 26<sup>th</sup> – CHANGE OF DATE & LOCATION** – CASTL meeting at James Arthur Vineyard. We'll be talking about a couple of great resources from ALA – Libraries & Internet Toolkit: [www.ifmanual.org/toolkit](http://www.ifmanual.org/toolkit) and The Small but Powerful Guide to Winning Big Support for Your Rural Library: [www.ala.org/offices/olos/toolkits/rural](http://www.ala.org/offices/olos/toolkits/rural). For our book talks, select something from the ALA Reference & User Services Association's (RUSA) Reading List for 2012 – which includes 8 different genres – so there should be something in that list for everyone. You can find it on the RUSA Blog at: <http://rusa.ala.org/blog/2012/01/22/2012-readinglist/>. Also on the agenda will be the round robin to share questions, ideas and happenings. Please let us know at the SELS office if you plan on attending.

**April 26<sup>th</sup>** – SELS Friends Aged to Perfection at James Arthur Vineyards – come for CASTL, stay for Aged to Perfection! See page 5 for details.

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**April 30<sup>th</sup> – May 11<sup>th</sup>** – Basic Skills – Programming and Outreach. You can register online at the Nebraska Library Commission Training Calendar ([www.nlc.state.ne.us/training/train.asp](http://www.nlc.state.ne.us/training/train.asp)). For a complete list of the Basic Skills modules go to: [www.nlc.state.ne.us/libdev/basic/NBScalendar2011.html](http://www.nlc.state.ne.us/libdev/basic/NBScalendar2011.html).

**May 11<sup>th</sup>** – NLC Commissioners Meeting at the Nebraska Library Commission. Meeting is open to the public and runs from 9:30 to 12:00. For more information contact Sue Biltoft, (402)471-4007 or [sue.biltoft@nebraska.gov](mailto:sue.biltoft@nebraska.gov).

**May 12<sup>th</sup>** – SELS Friends Dark Shadows private movie showing. See page 7 for details.

**May 14<sup>th</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup>** – Basic Skills – Reference. You can register online at the Nebraska Library Commission Training Calendar ([www.nlc.state.ne.us/training/train.asp](http://www.nlc.state.ne.us/training/train.asp)). For a complete list of the Basic Skills modules go to: [www.nlc.state.ne.us/libdev/basic/NBScalendar2011.html](http://www.nlc.state.ne.us/libdev/basic/NBScalendar2011.html).

**May 17<sup>th</sup>** – SELS Training Extravaganza at Union College. See page 14-15 for details.

**May 18<sup>th</sup>** – C&U/S&I Spring Meeting at Grace University in Omaha

**June 1<sup>st</sup>** – CASTL Meeting in Seward – Golden Sower. See page 9 for details.

**June 4<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup>** – Basic Skills – Management and Supervision. You can register online at the Nebraska Library Commission Training Calendar ([www.nlc.state.ne.us/training/train.asp](http://www.nlc.state.ne.us/training/train.asp)). For a complete list of the Basic Skills modules go to: [www.nlc.state.ne.us/libdev/basic/NBScalendar2011.html](http://www.nlc.state.ne.us/libdev/basic/NBScalendar2011.html).

**June 14<sup>th</sup>** – SELS Annual Meeting at Prairie Creek Inn

**June 15<sup>th</sup>** – NLA Board Meeting

**June 21<sup>st</sup>-26<sup>th</sup>** ALA in Anaheim

**July 23<sup>rd</sup> – August 3<sup>rd</sup>** – Basic Skills – Intellectual Freedom and the Core Values of Librarianship. You can register online at the Nebraska Commission Training Calendar ([www.nlc.state.ne.us/training/train.asp](http://www.nlc.state.ne.us/training/train.asp)) starting May 28<sup>th</sup>. For a complete list of the Basic Skills modules calendar go to: <http://nlc.nebraska.gov/CE/BasicSkills/NBScalendar.aspx>.

**July 23<sup>rd</sup> – August 3<sup>rd</sup>** – Basic Skills – Library Governance. You can register online at the Nebraska Commission Training Calendar ([www.nlc.state.ne.us/training/train.asp](http://www.nlc.state.ne.us/training/train.asp)) starting June 18<sup>th</sup>. For a complete list of the Basic Skills modules calendar go to: <http://nlc.nebraska.gov/CE/BasicSkills/NBScalendar.aspx>.

# Save the Date!

## NLA/NEMA Pre-Conference

Wednesday, Oct. 17, 2012

La Vista, Nebraska

(location to be announced)

Featuring children's book authors

Jim Aylesworth & Lisa Campbell Ernst

Sponsored by



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# Aged to Perfection 2012

*A fundraiser for the SELS Friends*



## Join the Southeast Library System Friends

on Thursday, April 26, 2012  
at the James Arthur Vineyards

### Social Hour

5:00 - 6:00

Antique Check-in at 5:45

### Dinner

6:00 - 6:30

### Informational/Appraisal Program by Tom Bassett

6:30 - 7:30

A mini-auction of donated "treasures" will follow the program.  
**Please consider donating items for this auction even if you are unable to attend. There will be a prize awarded for the most unusual donated item. You need not be present to win.**



Your \$20 registration fee includes dinner and the appraisal of two antiques if you are a current SELS Friends member. If you are not currently a member, the fee includes dinner and one antique appraisal. Wine tasting and purchasing either by the glass or the bottle is an option during the event. Other beverages are also for sale.

If you have never been a member of SELS Friends, join now and your membership will extend through June 2013 and your wine tasting at Aged to Perfection 2012 will be free. For more information on joining the SELS Friends, please visit [www.selsfriends.org](http://www.selsfriends.org).

### Dinner Menu

*Chicken Salad Croissant*

*Red Potato Salad*

*Spinach Artichoke dip with chips*

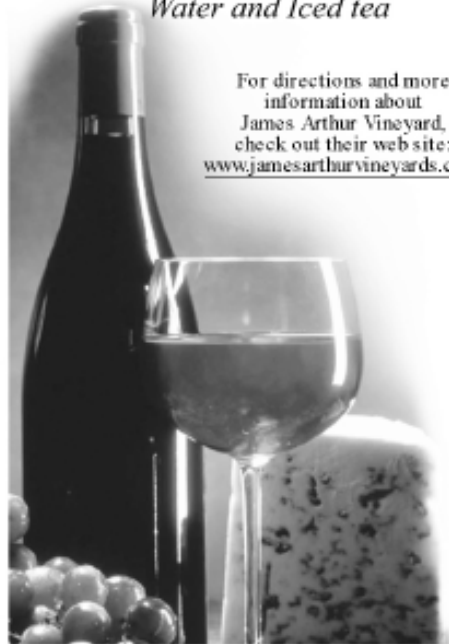
*Killer brownies*

*Pecan bars*

*Fruit tray*

*Cheese and crackers*

*Water and Iced tea*



For directions and more information about James Arthur Vineyard, check out their web site: [www.jamesarthurvineyards.com](http://www.jamesarthurvineyards.com)



To register, please fill out and return this form by April 20, 2012:

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

☐ I would like a vegetarian meal

Please include \$20 for each person registering and mail to:

Southeast Library System Friends  
233 South 5th Street  
Seward, NE 68434

Admission will be \$15 at the door and no dinner will be included.

# Call for Board Nominations



The Southeast Library System is seeking nominations of people representing member libraries to serve on the System Board of Directors. Five board members will be

elected to serve three-year terms beginning July 1, 2012. Nominees may be librarians, trustees, or library users.

Please nominate yourself or someone else you think would be a valuable addition to the board.

## Who Can Be On the Board, and What is Involved in Board Membership?

Nominations are received from 15 counties in the Southeast Library System geographic area: Hamilton, York, Seward, Lancaster, Cass, Otoe, Saline, Nemaha, Fillmore, Thayer, Jefferson, Gage, Johnson, Pawnee, and Richardson. Board members should be representative of a) public libraries, b) school libraries and media centers, c) academic libraries, d) special and institutional libraries, or e) users and trustees of such libraries.

The Board governs the Southeast Library System. It is similar to a public library board of trustees or the board of any non-profit organization. Member responsibilities include approval of policies, plans and budget, and selection and evaluation of the System Administrator.

Members serve three-year terms and are eligible for two consecutive terms. The Board usually meets six times a year, at times and places chosen by the members. Members do not receive a salary, wage or fee for their services. Board members must have access to e-mail.

## Who Currently Serves on the Board?

**President:** Barbara Hegr, Morton-James Public Library, Nebraska City

**Vice-President:** Glenda Willnerd, Lincoln Public Schools—Retired

**Secretary/Treasurer:** Carolyn Bennett, Beatrice Public Library

Becky Baker, Seward Memorial Library

Ruth Carlock, Levitt Library Learning Center, York College

Scott Childers, Love Library, UNL

Karen Frank, Greenwood Public Library

Wanda Marget, Fairmont Public Library

Kent Munster, The Clark Enersen Partners, Lincoln

Carol Oltman, Beatrice High School

Hilary Sire, Barnes & Noble Community Relations Manager

Robin Sugden, Freeman Public Schools, Adams

Jan Thomsen, Alice M. Farr Library, Aurora

Mail or email your nomination by May 2, 2012 to: SELS, 5730 R St., Suite C-1, Lincoln, NE 68505  
jlarnason@windstream.net

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Circle one: Librarian      Trustee      Library User

What special characteristics qualify this person for Board membership?

I have contacted this person and s/he has agreed to accept nomination to the Board (*circle one*):    Yes    No

Nomination submitted by: \_\_\_\_\_





## AMONG TREASURED FRIENDS

### Hunger Games Private Showing Success

The private movie showing of *The Hunger Games* at Edgewood Theater in Lincoln on Saturday, March 24 went gangbusters! Over 50 attendees enjoyed the movie, and door prizes were awarded to:

- Tricia Scott: free registration for Aged to Perfection 2012
- Dennis Snyder: refund of movie admission price
- Nancy Larimer, Isabel Catwell, and Kim Niemann: cookbooks

(If above names are misspelled, we are very sorry! Please contact us at [info@selsfriends.org](mailto:info@selsfriends.org) to correct that – we'd like to post these winners, correctly spelled, on our website!)



### Dark Shadows Private Showing

The next private movie showing will be for *Dark Shadows* on May 12 – watch for details to come!

### Aged to Perfection

The 2012 Aged to Perfection, scheduled for

Thursday, April 26 at James Arthur Vineyard, is the next big event coming up for the SELS Friends. This program features antique appraisals by the always entertaining and informative Tom Bassett, a mini-auction of unique items, great company and refreshments, and more. Donations for the mini-auction are still being accepted; the SELS Friends will award a prize for the most unusual item given, so put on your thinking caps! See <http://selsfriends.org/aged12.pdf> for all the details and register to join your peers for a very relaxing evening! You can even make arrangements to pay at the door, but you must register by the deadline!

### SELS Friends Book Sale

On Saturday, June 16 the SELS Friends will sponsor a book fair at the South Pointe Barnes & Noble store. Online purchases will also qualify for the bookfair as long as you put in the correct code which will be coming to you closer to that date. Mark your calendars now!

### Free SELS Friends Lifetime Membership with Cookbook Sales

Something new – if you sell ten SELS cookbooks, you can receive a FREE lifetime membership in SELS Friends for yourself or for a person you designate! This is a bargain for you and will help SELS Friends as well. Let us know at [info@selsfriends.org](mailto:info@selsfriends.org) if you are interested in participating, and we'll get the cookbooks to you as soon as we can. They make perfect Mother's Day gifts!

# Learn a Language, Read a Book, Follow the Law

By Brenda Ealey

Lisa Olivigni was our host for the March CASTL meeting at Crete Public Library. Attendees were able to take a look and learn about Mango – the online language learning program with resources for ELL customers and English speakers wishing to learn a foreign language. We also had a chance to look at Crete's collection of Playaways for kids which are animated kids' books, and as Lisa described: "way cool." The Playaways have several preloaded books on each device and are appropriate for children up to 4<sup>th</sup> grade. They cost around \$99 and must be used in the library.

LB 470 was also in the mix, which is new legislation that requires public library personnel policies to be approved by the governing bodies of cities, counties and villages within their respective communities. One of the suggestions from the CASTL discussion is to Include library policies as an appendix to the city policy so when the city approves theirs the library's is approved automatically. Recently, Robin Clark, chair of the Nebraska Library Association (NLA) Legislative Committee, encouraged library directors to be proactive with their library boards and governing agencies and start a conversation about what effect, if any, the passage of this bill has for their libraries. She also shared these explanations of the new law from NLA lobbyist, Ken Winston:

*LB 470 amends section 16-251 regarding public libraries in first class cities as follows: "The mayor and city council shall approve any personnel administrative or compensation policy or procedure applying to a director or employee of a public library, reading room, art gallery or museum before such policy is implemented."*

*LB 470 also amends section 51-211 regarding the authority of*



CASTL meetings are open to librarians of all types, library trustees and library friends or supporters. The meetings typically start at 10:00 a.m., and wrap up by 3:00 or 3:30. Each meeting has a dedicated topic of focus, as well as a round robin for discussion and sharing of current issues, topics and library happenings. Attendees earn continuing education hours and you are welcome to join us for all or even part of the day.

- April 26th—James Arthur Vineyard - Raymond
- June 1st—Seward Memorial Library – Golden Sower

*public library boards and states: "The governing body of the county, city or village in which the library board is located shall approve any personnel administrative or compensation policy or procedure before implementation of such policy or procedure by the library board."*

*In a nutshell, if a community has a governing board for its library, the mayor and council or the governing body of the community must approve the "personnel administrative or compensation policy" of the library prior to implementation of the policy.*

*If the public library already uses the city's personnel and compensation policy, the library board probably doesn't need to do anything, although to be on the safe side, they may want to have it ratified by the community governing entity.*

*If a library board has a separate personnel or compensation policy, it will need to be taken to the community governing body for their approval.*

*The stated reason for LB 470 was to protect librarians and library boards from liabilities that might arise from having a personnel policy that has not been endorsed by their community governing body and that therefore it might not be covered under the community's liability policy.*

*Of course if the library board or library director has questions about the legal implications of LB 470 on their library, they will need to seek direction from legal counsel to represent their interests. In some instances their legal counsel may be the attorney representing the city or village, whose interests may not be entirely consistent with that of the library board, so they may need to weigh the need for other legal representation.*

Lastly – this month's book talk was *The Borrower* by Rebecca Makkai who plans to join us for **One Book Many Librarians** session at the Nebraska Library Association/Nebraska Educational Media Association/Mountain Plains Library Association conference October 17<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> in LaVista.



CASTL Wrap Up



# Librarians Pick the Best Books...

## Come to Golden Sower Reading Day!

Join the CASTL Meeting on June 1st and vote for your favorite Golden Sower Nominees. This is a perfect time for public and school librarians to see the eighty-odd titles on the Golden Sower Big List for Kindergarten through 3rd grades. Vote for your favorite top-ten, and consider purchasing these titles for your collection. There will also be book talks of books on the Intermediate and Young Adult lists during the afternoon.

**Seward Memorial Library**  
**June 1st, 2012**  
**9:00 a.m.**

You will need to provide your own lunch. Five continuing education hours will be awarded. Please RSVP so we have an accurate count of attendees. Email Jen at [jlarnason@windstream.net](mailto:jlarnason@windstream.net) or call 402.467.6188.

Regular CASTL attendees, please note that the Golden Sower Reading Day begins an hour earlier than our normal meetings!



**Seward Memorial Library is located at:**  
**233 S 5th Street**  
**Seward, NE 68434**  
**(402) 643-3318**

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# {News Around the System}

## A Very Chocolate Evening at Plattsmouth Public Library

From Plattsmouth Public Library Staff



The program in full swing.

Sixty-five patrons and staff enjoyed a wonderful evening of fun and chocolate on Saturday, February 25th. Fourteen delectable entries were entered into the chocolate competition and judged by Jennifer Roby, Jesse Clark, and Dr. Robin Hill.

A library scavenger hunt had everyone roaming the building, trying to locate the answers to thirty questions written by library staff. The winning team was presented with bags of candy as their prize for completing the hunt first.

The judges were busy tasting and scoring all of the entries during the scavenger hunt. Ginger Tuttle was declared the winner of the chocolate

competition with her Chocolate Brittle Surprise which contained toffee as well as chocolate. Demi Dugan (last year's champion) took 2nd place with her mini white chocolate cups filled with chocolate mousse. Tiffany Lambert took 3rd place with her Mini Ganache Bundt Cakes.

A buffet of desserts to be shared was available for everyone to sample, including Chocolate Raspberry Bars, Mississippi Mud Cake, Malted Milk Ball Cake, and Turtle Waffle Cookies. The chocolate fountain was also flowing for the evening with an assortment of treats to use for dipping.

The Library Staff would like to thank Amy Zamora from Amy's Flowers & Gifts for the centerpieces and the Friends of the Library for funding the program. It was a great evening and we are already looking forward to next year!



The popular chocolate fountain.

## Auburn Library Groundbreaking

From Heather Koeneke, Auburn Library



already begun and the project is scheduled to be completed in seven months.



Staff (L-R): Sherry Black, Jennie Wissler, Heather Koeneke, Donna Ellis, and Peggy Oshlo

The Auburn Library had it's official Ground Breaking ceremony for the new addition on March 8th. The new addition will add approximately 1300 square feet and will house the children's department. Excavating has





# {News Around the System}

## Fairmont Public Library Receives Front Porch Award



Fairmont Public Library has been selected for the Front Porch Award by Southeast Library System. The Front Porch Award is intended to recognize a library that displays ingenuity in creating a welcoming atmosphere for customers. Fairmont Public Library was nominated by a library colleague, Karen Frank, library director of Greenwood Public Library, who shared the following about Wanda Marget, the library director:

“Wanda has excelled at making the Fairmont Public Library vital in the community. The library is warm and comfortable. The front entrance is easily seen and welcomes people to come in, look around and relax at the library. As a one woman staff at her small library, Wanda effortlessly takes on tasks. She is calm, composed and friendly.”

There were also letters of support submitted by the Library Board Chairperson, the GFWC Fairmont Woman’s Club and the Village Clerk of Fairmont. Portions of their comments are listed below:

- “When I think of a front porch, I think of a welcoming entrance to a home... You are greeted warmly, and by name, if they know it, by Wanda or her small staff. From the bright displays and informative bulletin boards to the comfortable seating for computer stations, one feels right at home. Wanda is always looking for ways to improve the resources available and is willing to try new things to invite more users... Wanda helps several reading groups

get books through interlibrary loan. This and the friendly atmosphere encourages users from a wide area to come to Fairmont library... She also supports local artists by displaying their work. All of this makes the Fairmont Public Library very welcoming.” – Georgia Schropfer, Library Board Chairperson

- “This is a small town library with big city services... They not only have up to date reading material but talking books, videos, CDs and DVDs. They are more than happy to get a book for you on interlibrary loan if they don’t have it at the library. They have an up-to-date computer system that is busy all the time... They do copying and faxing for those in need of the services. They work with the community and organizations to promote activities in our small town. They are truly the hub of our community.” – Nancy Galaway, GFWC Fairmont Women’s Club
- “The Fairmont Village Library is a very inviting and technology savvy library... Besides assisting our residents of Fairmont with finding the special book they are looking for, Wanda also works tirelessly in getting the children of Fairmont involved in library activities. She has holiday crafts, and outstanding summer reading program and makes the bulletin board inviting. The Village Board is very supportive of Wanda as she keeps them informed of library activities.” – Linda Carroll, Village of Fairmont Clerk/Treasurer

Plans are underway for the presentation of the award on Saturday, April 14<sup>th</sup>, at 10:00 a.m. The celebration will take place during National Library Week, and coincide with the Fairmont Public Library Open House in launching the public computer center, a project of the Library Broadband Builds Nebraska Communities.

The Front Porch Award was funded by The Southeast Library System Friends Group.





# {News Around the System}

## Truffala Forest Sprouts at Freeman Public School

From Robin Sugden, Freeman Public School



In celebration of Read Across America Day, Freeman Public School elementary students heard the Dr. Seuss story, *The Lorax*. The past few weeks, we have also been

reading various Dr. Seuss stories to all of the elementary classes in the Media Center. Next week, the Pre-Kindergarten and First Grade will be doing a Goldfish activity with the story, *One Fish, Two Fish, Red Fish, Blue Fish*.

Freeman Public Schools Pre-Kindergarten – 4<sup>th</sup> grade students made their own Truffula tree forests in the Media Center. A couple of high school

students made about 16 batches of homemade modeling clay for the bases and then each of the elementary students got to make their own Truffula tree forest. 260 students participated in this event, so that came up to 1,040 individual Truffula trees made during the week to celebrate Read Across America Day.

Some Freeman High School students also helped create large Truffula trees for the Media Center. There is a total of 11 of them magically growing in the Freeman Public School Community Media Center!



## Libraries are Good Neighbors

From Maria Cadwallader, Valparaiso Public Library, originally published at <http://libraries.ne.gov/valparaiso/2012/03/22/thanks-to-pawnee-city-library-for-computer-desks-paperback-racks/>

On March 12, my husband and I had a great time fetching four computer desks and four paperback racks from the Pawnee City Library, which recently moved from the old Carnegie building to a brand new facility next door. They were free to the Val Library (hurray!).

Library Director Lola Seitz was waiting for us. She had rounded up four volunteers to load everything into our old pickup truck and help Dean tie it all down for the trip. To get the desks out of the old Carnegie library, the guys also had to remove one of the library doors. A couple of other town residents who were walking by stopped to help a bit and add to the guys' jokes and conversation. Our thanks to Lola and to all those who helped load up.

Dorothy Willis, recently retired from Omaha and now settled again (and

volunteering at the library, of course) in Pawnee City (her home town), surprised me by being there to visit. Dorothy taught some of the Basics classes I attended and I was very glad to see her again.

The drive back to Val was ALMOST uneventful — a stop in Lincoln was necessary to adjust the desks and add more tie-downs. We had good volunteer help for that, too, in the Home Depot lot. Back in Val, Floyd Maresh and Greg Bouc unloaded and brought the desks and shelves inside and helped set them up. Many thanks to them both — you two are always doing a lot for the Library.

MANY, MANY THANKS from Val to Pawnee City Library. The desks replaced a fairly narrow long table in the main room. We now can provide 4 patron computer spaces instead of 3, and privacy for our patron computer users, as well. The whirling paperback racks are also a good addition to our space.



# {News Around the System}

## Celebrating Dr. Suess' Birthday at Weeping Water Public Library

From Aimee Morlan, Weeping Water Public Library



Thing 1 and Thing 2 costumes

On March 3rd, the Weeping Water Public Library had a fun filled Birthday party for Dr. Seuss. Everyone was encouraged to dress up as their favorite Dr. Seuss character.

There were hands on stations available to the children that corresponded with Dr. Seuss books. The Dr. Seuss books were available at each station for parents and children to explore. Activities included cupcake decorating and signing a giant birthday card (from *Happy*



Decorating fish at the *One Fish, Two Fish, Red Fish, Blue Fish* station

*Birthday To You*), the making of a pink clover and speck (from *Horton Hears a Who*), decorating a colorful fish with tissue paper and liquid starch (from *One Fish, Two Fish, Red Fish, Blue Fish*), finding out what Oobleck feels like

(from *Bartholomew and the Oobleck*). There were also games to play: Pin the Egg on the Plate, Cat in the Hat ball toss, Fishing for One Fish, Two Fish,



Children testing out the Oobleck at the *Bartholomew and the Oobleck* station

and putting together a big puzzle of Horton. This party was well attended by sixty children and adults.

## Kissing a Pig at Bruun Memorial

From Jorene Herr, Bruun Memorial Library

The Friends of Bruun Memorial Library had a little fundraiser and pitted Jorene Herr, the library director, against Richard Davis, the assistant librarian. Whoever had the most money in their jar had the opportunity to kiss a pig.

Jorene got \$94.50 to Richard's \$23, so here she is with the lucky pig.





# SELS Training Extravaganza

May 17th at Union College in Lincoln

	Track 1	Track 2	Lab:
8:30 - 9:30	Tour of Union College Library and welcome		
9:30 - 10:30	Public Speaking & Making a Good Impression with Pat Leach, Lincoln City Libraries	eReaders 2012 with Heather St. Clair, Ashland Public Library	Prezi – Cloud based Virtual Canvas for Presentations with Jen Barnason & Brenda Ealey, SELS.
10:45 - 11:45	Making A Booktalk with Vicki Wood, Lincoln City Libraries	Free vs. Go to Meeting Options Online with Scott Childers, Kilgore Memorial Library	Google: What's New with Megan Boggs, Seward Memorial Library
11:45 - 1:00	Lunch in the President's Dining Room		
1:00-2:00	KFOR Book Chats – Favorite 2012 Titles	Head in the Fog About Cloud Computing with Scott Childers, Kilgore Memorial Library	Pinterest with Amy Mather, Omaha Public Library
2:15 - 3:15	Sales Tax & Raffles with Laz Flores, Nebraska Department of Revenue	Customer Service with Julie Pinnell, Doane College	Free Tools for Surveys & Polls with Megan Boggs, Seward Memorial Library

Mark the sessions you'd like to attend:

	1	2	Lab
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1:00-2:00	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2:15-3:15	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Enclose \$20 registration fee (includes lunch) for each person attending. Attendees will earn 4 hours of CE.

Registration deadline is **May 16<sup>th</sup>, 2012.**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Organization:** \_\_\_\_\_

**E-Mail:** \_\_\_\_\_

Make checks payable to **Southeast Library System**, 5730 R St., Suite C-1, Lincoln, NE 68505 Fax: (402)467-6196



## TRACK 1

*Public Speaking & Making a Good Impression* – Pat Leach, Lincoln City Libraries. Pat will share tips on the art of public speaking for expected and unexpected situations. Learn some ways to sharpen your oral presentations and gain confidence in a crowd from someone who's always trying to learn more.

*Making A Booktalk* – Vicki Wood, Lincoln City Libraries. Vicki will demonstrate the how-to part of book talks including: getting to the heart of a book's appeal, pairing books for added interest and the role of personal quirks and passion in talking about books.

*KFOR Book Chats – Favorite 2012 Titles*. Join Lincoln City Libraries book reviewers, Marcy Graybill, Erin Stutzman and Lisa Voss, from the popular KFOR Radio program Book Chat on the Problems & Solutions Show with Cathy Blythe. The program started in April of 2002 with library staff providing information about books and upcoming library programs.

*Sales Tax & Raffles* - Laz Flores, Nebraska Department of Revenue. It's good to have a refresher on what library services require sales tax and the rules governing raffles since they've become such a popular and easy way to do fundraising. You can send specific questions you'd like answered prior to the session, or simply plan to listen and learn.

## TRACK 2

*eReaders 2012* – Heather St. Clair, Ashland Public Library. Heather will guide you in the use of eReaders so that you can assist customers in navigating OverDrive and eBooks. Learn how to successfully interact with Adobe, Amazon and the OverDrive App.

*Free vs. Go to Meeting Options Online* – Scott Childers, Kilgore Memorial Library. All of us have probably experienced or are aware of online options for meetings through subscriptions such as Go ToMeeting web conferencing. Scott will share similar programs available at no cost for virtual meetings.

*Head in the Fog About Cloud Computing* – Scott Childers, Kilgore Memorial Library. Into the cloud is where many computer products seem to be heading. This session will explain what that means, show some examples, and talk about why people are excited about it.

*Customer Service* – Julie Pinnell, Doane College. Come learn and be reminded of great customer service tips from Julie. Customer service is a key to library support and indicates responsiveness to our library patrons and their needs.

## LAB

*Prezi – Cloud based Virtual Canvas for Presentations* – Jen Barnason & Brenda Ealey, SELS. Jen and Brenda will share information on Prezi, a free alternative to PowerPoint, that is a mix of whiteboards and slides with a zoomable canvas. You will have time in the lab for hands-on practice.

*Google: What's New* – Megan Boggs, Seward Memorial Library. Google is probably used by most of us daily, but keeping up with what's new sometimes is a challenge. Learn what's new on Google and explore with us.

*Pinterest* – Amy Mather, Omaha Public Library. Pinterest is an online pinboard where you can organize and share the things you love. It has social networking features with a mission to connect Pinterest users with things they find interesting. You will have time to try it out and discover why it's become so popular.

*Free Tools for Surveys & Polls* – Megan Boggs, Seward Memorial Library. One way of gaining feedback on library services, customer needs, and future plans is through surveys and polls. Megan will share a few options available online for gathering that information and provide time for you to experiment with using them.

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your guest readers bringing their own selections.

- After the event, share your stories with SELS of how you celebrated the day, maybe track the number of pages read, number of participants, how you publicized and promoted and feedback received on the READ IN.

In reading some of the information put together for National Library Workers Day ([http://ala-apa.org/nlwd/?page\\_id=16](http://ala-apa.org/nlwd/?page_id=16)) – which includes editorials, proclamations, public service announcements, that you can adapt and use in your community, I found great testimony for all that librarians do:

- Library employees are crucial to our economy and culture. They help small business owners formulate plans; graduates find funding; children fall in love with reading; grandparents connect with grandchildren; corporations save money and improve products; seniors get comfortable with the latest technology; and students get into gaming. Yet these public servants are rarely recognized publicly.
- Americans love our libraries, and we show our appreciation by visiting libraries almost 1.2 billion times each year. In fact, a recent national poll by Marist College Institute for Public Opinion found that 94 percent of Americans rate libraries very valuable or valuable, and 63 percent would support increased taxes for public library services. The library is correctly perceived as a beneficial and benevolent pillar of the community. Libraries are unique in providing educational, recreational, and useful materials to everyone for free. In these challenging economic times, libraries are being used more than ever for job searches, computer classes and other resources. At the same time, however, funding cuts threaten service hours, book budgets and staffing levels. Consequently, library workers are doing more with less while trying to meet the diverse needs of our communities.
- Library workers select or create and then organize and maintain everything available in our library. From a book for research or leisure reading to a laptop that can be checked out to a display of an AIDS quilt for Gay Pride month, a skilled and dedicated human is responsible for its presence in the library. Library workers—catalogers, circulation clerks, pages, reference librarians, security guards, student assistants, systems engineers, web designers, and youth librarians, to name a few alphabetically—provide access to the past while preserving the

present. They lobby for funding and crusade against censorship. Library workers read stories to children and books to the blind. They suggest good reads, organize book clubs, and drive bookmobiles. They advise vampire slayers, fight crime, and throw fabulous parties. They are skilled and knowledgeable researchers who know which tool to use for which information need, navigating through a variety of electronic and print resources: almanacs, bibliographies, catalogs, databases, dictionaries, gazetteers, encyclopedias, reviews, and yearbooks.

- What do a cataloger, clerk, engineer, student, program coordinator and Web designer have in common? They all work @ your library.
- Libraries are part of the American dream – places for opportunity, education, lifelong learning and free and equal access to a world of resources no matter your age, income or background -- but that dream would not exist if it were not for the people who work in libraries. Working in the library is rewarding for most people because it involves giving a service that contributes to the overall quality of life in a community. It is positive work that should be recognized in a society that values knowledge, learning and opportunity.

What's your library's plan for National Library Week? Kicking back with a good book and a nice cup of tea? You *wish* you had that kind of time at work? This year, find a little time for yourselves on April 13<sup>th</sup> and celebrate libraries with Southeast Library System's first annual READ IN.



# News and Notes



## Nebraska Snapshot Day

The Nebraska Library Association is gearing up for **Nebraska Snapshot Day 2012: A Day in the Life of Nebraska Libraries**. You can participate in this advocacy event any day during the week of April 15-21, 2012.

Snapshot Day is an opportunity for you to take a look at all that your library accomplishes in a single day. We encourage you to collect usage statistics, photos, videos and stories from your library from one day you choose to be your "Snapshot Day." This will be great information to share with your library board, school administration, municipal officials and the news media. Additionally, the Nebraska Library Association will compile all the information sent in and will publish statewide data that can be used to advocate for libraries all across Nebraska.

All Nebraska libraries are invited to participate! Public, school, academic, tribal and special libraries are all invited to take a "Snapshot" of what their library does in one day. The more libraries that participate, the more complete our "Snapshot" will be!

Check out the website for details on how to participate: <http://snapshotnebraska.wordpress.com/how-to-participate/>

*Nebraska Snapshot Day 2012 is a project of the [Nebraska Library Association](#). If you have any questions, please contact Robin Clark, Chair of the Legislative/Advocacy Committee, at [robin.r.clark@gmail.com](mailto:robin.r.clark@gmail.com) or Jessica Chamberlain, PLTS Vice-Chair, at 800-578-1014 or [jchamberlain.nels@gmail.com](mailto:jchamberlain.nels@gmail.com).*

## Banned Books Week Event Grants

Applications are now open for the 2012 Judith Krug Fund Banned Books Week event grants, sponsored by the Freedom to Read Foundation.

Grants in the amount of \$2,500 and \$1,000 will be given to organizations in support of "Read-Outs" or other activities that celebrate Banned Books Week (Sept. 30 – Oct. 6, 2012).

**Applications for the grants will be accepted through May 11, 2012**, and the announcements will be made in June.

The Freedom to Read Foundation – the First Amendment legal defense affiliate of the American Library Association – became an official sponsor of Banned Books Week in 2012, which marks the 30th anniversary of Banned Books Week.

Seven organizations received grants in 2010, and six grants were awarded in 2011.

Organizations are required to submit an event description, timeline and budget with their application, and also agree to provide a written report and video to FTRF following Banned Books Week. A compendium of thousands of books that have been banned and challenged can be found in the *2010 Banned Books Resource Guide*, available through the ALA Store.

Contact Jonathan Kelley at [jokelley@ala.org](mailto:jokelley@ala.org) with questions, or call (800) 545-2433 (800) 545-2433, ext. 4226.

*Judith F. Krug, FTRF's first executive director, was passionate about Banned Books Week and defending the freedom to read. After her death, the Judith F. Krug Memorial Fund was established to guarantee that the message of Banned Books Week would continue to spread and grow around the United States.*

## Call for Meritorious Service Award and Mari Sandoz Award Nominations

The NLA Scholarship and Awards Committee invites nominations for the 2012 Meritorious Service Award and the

Mari Sandoz Award.

The Meritorious Service Award is given annually to a person, corporation or organization which has contributed to the improvement of library service in a local community, region, state agency, or in library legislation. It may be given to an individual or a group.

The Mari Sandoz Award recognizes significant, enduring contribution to the Nebraska book world through writing, film production or related activity.

Nomination Procedures:

1. The original letter of nomination should include the nominee's name, address, telephone number, e-mail address, accomplishments, and any relevant supporting documentation. The letter should include the name, title, address, telephone number, and e-mail address of the person or group making the nomination.
2. At least four additional letters that support and endorse the nomination are required. Such letters may provide further information about the nomination.
3. More information and lists of previous recipients may be found on the NLA web page.
4. Nominations not selected are carried over to the following year, and additional letters of support are welcome for those nominations.
5. **Nominations and letters of support must be received by May 31, 2012.**
6. Nominations may be submitted by e-mail to [ce.dow@lincolnl libraries.org](mailto:ce.dow@lincolnl libraries.org) or mailed to Carolyn Dow, Lincoln City Libraries, 136 S. 14 St., Lincoln, NE 68508.



# RUN, RUN TO READING ALOUD!

Wednesday, October 17 – La Vista, Nebraska Conference Center

Featuring children's book authors

Jim Aylesworth & Lisa Campbell Ernst



And Nebraska  
children's book authors

Julia Cook

Ted Kooser

Preston McDaniels  
& James Solheim

## AGENDA

**9:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.**

Registration, Coffee and Book Sales

**10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.**

One Book, One School

**11:15 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.**

*The Teacher Who Became An Author*  
Jim Aylesworth

**12:15 p.m. - 1:45 p.m.**

Lunch on your own

**1:45 p.m. - 2:45 p.m.**

Nebraska Children's Book Author Panel  
with Julia Cook, Ted Kooser,  
Preston McDaniels and James Solheim

**3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.**

*Gifts of the Universe:  
Inspiration, Hard Work, and Grace*  
Lisa Campbell Ernst

**4:00 p.m.**

Book Signing

## REGISTRATION

\$40 if received by July 1

\$45 if received between July 1 and Sept. 20

\$50 after Sept. 20  
(15% discount for MPLA members)

You can register online at  
[nebraskalibraries.org/triconference2012](http://nebraskalibraries.org/triconference2012)

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if you have any questions



## Spring Meeting!

**Cosponsored SCYP**

**Saturday, April 14<sup>th</sup>**

**Gothenburg Public Library**

**1104 Lake Avenue Gothenburg, NE 69138**

**1 p.m. – 4 p.m.**

**YART's Spring Meeting will focus on collection development!**

### Agenda

1. Collection Development Workshop: What makes a collection good, how can school and public librarians work together, weeding—it's all here! Guest Presenter: Patty Birch, North Platte High School.
2. Funding Your Collection: Learn about grants, how to stretch your budget, book fairs, and more. Presented by YART members.
3. Best Genre Books to Build Your Collection: Sally Snyder of the Nebraska Library Commission will be doing a booktalk via Skype.

Optional lunch from 12 p.m. – 1 p.m. with YART board. Tell us what you want out of YART.

Door prizes courtesy of Republican Valley Library System and Meridian Library System

**Cost: \$10 (\$5 if you bring an example of an Awful Library Book that needs to be weeded!)**

**Registrations must be received by April 9<sup>th</sup>**

**Make checks out to YART**

**CE credit available!**

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
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A book is like a  
garden carried in  
the pocket.

—Chinese Proverb

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